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**Federal Communications Commission**

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

In the Matter of

Amendment of the Commission's  
Rules Concerning Maritime  
Communications)  
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)PR Docket No. 92-257

To: The Commission

**COMMENTS OF  
THE FORESTRY-CONSERVATION COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION**

The Forestry-Conservation Communications Association (FCCA) hereby submits the following comments in response to the above captioned proceeding in which the Commission proposes to reclassify public coast stations as non-dominate common carriers and to allow private land mobile entities to share certain maritime frequencies.

The FCCA is the FCC certified Part 90 radio frequency coordinator for the Forestry-Conservation Radio Service. FCCA also represents its parent organizations, the National Association of State Foresters (NASF) and the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (IAFWA), on matters related to the radio communications. The members of NASF and IAFWA provide a full range of public safety related service, including fire protection, law enforcement, and emergency medical services over wide areas of state owned and/or protected lands.

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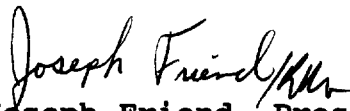
FCCA supports the Commission's proposal to increase the use of underutilized spectrum in certain areas of the spectrum on a non-interfering basis. Further, we urge the

stations, and therefore could accommodate public safety users on otherwise maritime channels.

The FCCA supports the proposed sharing of the maritime channels, provided that Public Safety users are permitted to share those frequencies so as to alleviate spectrum shortages in many areas of the nation.

Respectfully submitted,

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